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SUBJECT: GOG ATTENTION TO BALKAN CONTACTS

1. SUMMARY. GOG HAS GIVEN SPECIAL PUBLICITY TO FEW RECENT CONTACTS WITH BALKAN NEIGHBORS, WHILE PRESS GENERALLY DOWNPLAYS SAME ITEMS. END SUMMARY

2. ATHENS NEWS AGENCY AND GOG-CONTROLLED RADIO AND TV GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO VISIT TO GREEK PAVILION AT PLOVDIV FAIR OF BULGARIAN HEAD OF STATE ZHIVKOV, THE PM, THE ENTIRE CABINET AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES. PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV IS CITED AS HAVING TOLD THE RANKING GREEK AT PAVILION, MINISTER COMMERCE KANELLOPOULOS, THAT BULGARIAN POLICY RE CYPRUS WAS CATEGORICALLY IDENTIFIED WITH GREEK VIEWS. SOCIAL CONTACTS AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO DELEGATIONS AT PLOVDIV WERE PORTRAYED AS HAVING GONE VERY WELL, AND GREEK FM MAVROS IS EXPECTED VISIT SOFIA IN OCTOBER. FOLLOWING A SECOND AND MORE PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN KANELLOPOULOS AND BULGARIAN PM

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TODOROV, GOG ISSUED FURTHER STATEMENT THAT BULGARIAN

ATTITUDE ON CYPRUS, AS INITIALLY STATED BY PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV AT PAVILION, FIRMLY SUPPORTED CYPRUS SETTLEMENT BASED ON UN PRINCIPLES AND SUPPORTED GREEK GOVERNMENT POSITION IN FAVOR INDEPENDENT, SELF-DETERMINED CYPRUS.

3. THE GOG ALSO ATTEMPTED TO DEMONSTRATE STIR IN ROMANIAN-GREEK RELATIONS BY PUBLICIZING BRIEF VISIT OF MALITSA, DESCRIBED AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF CEAUSESCU, WHO VISITED PRESIDENT CHIZIKIS, CARAMANLIS AND MAVROS IN SEPARATE MEETINGS ON SUBJECT CYPRUS SEPTEMBER 1. MALITSA CONTINUED TO NICOSIA FROM ATHENS AND WAS TO VISIT ANKARA AT UNANNOUNCED FUTURE DATE. THE STOPOVER OF ROMANIAN DEPUTY PREMIER PATSAN AT ATHENS AIRPORT SEPTEMBER 4 WAS ALSO FLAGGED TO PUBLIC NOTICE, ALTHOUGH STOPOVER PRESUMABLY FOR PERSONAL CONVENIENCE

4. THE VISIT TO MAVROS OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR MARKOVIC THIS WEEK AS WELL AS THE VISIT OF THE GREEK AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE TO THE FM THERE WERE ALSO BRIEFLY NOTED IN THE ATHENS PRESS AS EVIDENCE OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY ON CYPRUS. THE ATHENS PRESS COULD NOT, HOWEVER, GET EXCITED ABOUT ANY OF THE REPORTED BALKAN RELATIONS AND SHOWED ONLY SECONDARY INTEREST ON THE THEME.
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